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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
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RESPONSE TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) NOTICE

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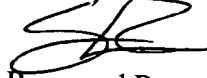
Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f), dated December 19, 2001, there are enclosed herewith a Declaration executed by the inventors and a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of **\$65.00** to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0232.NPUS00. Should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0232.NPUS00.

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